

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24-25-2

August 2024

1. State Commander Kari Pfeifer has declared Saturday, September 28, 2024, **VFW Founders' Day** in Ohio. All Posts and Districts are instructed to not schedule any activities which will conflict with Founders' Day activities to be held in Columbus that day.
2. Announcement is made that the Department Roster is being printed and will be mailed in the near future. The post copies will be sent to the Commander and are encouraged to make it available to any post officer who may need the information contained therein. Additional copies may be purchased from Department Headquarters at cost of production & mailing cost.
3. **NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY, SEPTEMBER 20th**. Posts should conduct an appropriate ceremony. Information on conducting a ceremony can be found in the current VFW Manual of Procedure and a speech is in the Citizenship Education Program Chairman's Booklet.
4. **PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11**. Per Presidential Proclamation, September 11th is designated as "Patriot Day." The President requests the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff (sunrise to sunset) and a moment of silence observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on that day due to terrorist attacks on the United States.
5. **ATTENTION:** All Post Commander, in order for any VFW Post in the Department of Ohio to be in **GOOD STANDING**, must be **Incorporated, Quartermaster must be Bonded** and have **Proof of Insurance on file** with the VFW Department of Ohio.

Article VII- Miscellaneous Provisions; Section 709- Control of Unit, Paragraph II:

Any Post owning and/or operating directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be typed and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insured's, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department in which such post is located. Posts must submit an Acord 25 (Certificate of Liability Insurance) document to Department of Ohio.

6. State Commander Kari Pfeifer has declared Saturday, August 10, 2024, **OHIO DAY 2024** at **VFW National Home for Children's in Eaton Rapids, Michigan**. All Posts and Districts are instructed to not schedule any activities which will conflict with **OHIO DAY 2024** activities to be held at the VFW National Home for Children. State Commander Greene would like as many Ohioans to attend this very special event
7. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to section 218 (a)(11)(b), Manual of Procedure, Trustees, which states that **POST TRUSTEES SHALL PREPARE** and submit quarterly, through their Post Commander, a Post Trustees' Report to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September. Do not mail these reports to National Headquarters.

8. The **distribution** of VFW “Buddy” Poppies will be conducted according to the provisions set forth in section 711 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure. Department, District and Post Commanders should arrange now for the **distribution** of “Buddy” Poppies in their respective areas. All profits accruing from the **distribution** of “Buddy” Poppies shall be used in accordance with section 704 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure.

BY ORDER OF:
Kari E. Pfeifer
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